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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Joseph CAUTHEN et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3738  
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Application No.: 10/075,615 ) Examiner: U. Chattopadhyay  
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Filed: February 15, 2002 )  
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For: SPINAL DISC ANNULUS )  
RECONSTRUCTION METHOD )  
AND SPINAL DISC ANNULUS )  
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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2003, the period for response having been extended to February 29, 2003 by a request for extension of three months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

Attachments to this amendment include 1) amended FIG 9; 2) a redline copy of the specification marked Exhibit A; and 3) a copy of US Provisional Application 60/149490 marked Exhibit B.

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